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AMENDMENT

This amendment is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 25 April 17th, 2006. Claims 1 and 24-31 have been amended. The claims are now believed to be in full compliance. Reconsideration of claims 1-3 and 19-41 is respectfully requested.

Applicant requests acknowledgment of the certified copy of the Priority Document that was submitted via Express Mail on August 4, 2005. The priority document was received by the USPTO and currently is able to be viewed on the PAIR system. The priority claim was acknowledged in the July 7, 2005 Office Action. However, the October 14, 2005 Office Action does not acknowledge receipt of the priority document. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy of the priority document is requested.